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Sandown Selectmen Put Rules in Writing for Building Inspector

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Following an at times contentious discussion, the selectmen formally placed a copy of Monday night's meeting minutes into building inspector/code enforcement officer/health officer/electrical inspector Ken Sherwood's personnel folder.

The move came after selectmen assured Sherwood that they did not want to fire him but that they needed their directions followed. The action follows a meeting in May where the board sought to change Sherwood's office hours and vacation and payment procedures.

At that time, Sherwood, who has served as building inspector for nearly three decades and as Sandown's

first and only code enforcement officer, questioned the wisdom and fairness of some of the board's decisions.

Following that meeting, the selectmen sent a letter to Sherwood outlining the changes. Sherwood did not sign the letter and on Monday stated that he was under the impression the meeting was to discuss and make changes to it, as he thought was agreed upon at the previous meeting.

All selectmen showed frustration throughout the meeting, arguing that Sherwood may disagree with their changes but they were the boss.

At the start of the discussion, Sherwood said he'd like to have a group established to work through the proposed changes.

"None of us want to do

that, Ken," said chair Steve Brown. "We discussed this and frankly, it's not up for discussion."

The meeting was partially prompted by Sherwood's decision to take days off recently. Sherwood didn't complete selectmen-asked for paperwork, but the way he sees it, he didn't leave for three days, dictated in the personnel policy as the threshold for notice. Sherwood was away for three days but has office hours only on Mondays and Thursdays.

Selectmen said that even if the building inspector only has the two days of office hours, he's on call the rest of the time and as such, he had taken vacation days without proper authorization.

The assistant building inspector was notified by Sherwood and was made

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Three Candidates Considered for Hampstead/Timberlane Chief

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The 14-member Screening Committee for a new superintendent for School Administrative Unit 55 - the Timberlane and Hampstead School Districts - has forward three candidates for further interviews to the SAU 55 Board for consideration.

The candidates are Winfried Feneberg, Hampstead/Timberlane assistant superintendent and current interim superintendent; Earl Metzler, principal of North Quincy High School in Quincy, Mass.; and Phillis Hill, executive director for elementary schools, Killeen Independent School District, Killeen, Texas.

Richard La Salle resign-

ed as Hampstead/Timberlane Superintendent effective June 30.

New England School Development Council (NESDEC) consultant Ken DeBenedictis reviewed the applications with the district's screening committee, winnowing them down first to fewer than 20 candidates and finally forwarding the three to the SAU board Tuesday evening, July 24.

Feneberg was named Assistant Superintendent at Hampstead/Timberlane in February 2007. Prior to that he was the Director of Special Education for the Hampstead School District, a position he held since 2003. Previous work included serving as Associate Director of Pupil Personnel Services for the Timberlane

School District for three years, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services for the Timberlane District for two years, and school psychologist at Timberlane starting in 1988.

He began his professional career in Germany as a high school teacher. He earned a Master's degree in Education from the University of Munich, Munich, Germany and a Certificate of Graduate Study in Counseling Psychology from Northeastern University in Boston. He is currently completing a Certificate Program in Superintendent of Schools from Rivier College in Nashua.

Feneberg lives in Plaistow, Hill, a Leader/Assistant Superintendent in Killeen,

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BELL RINGER Daniel Powers, 9, of Hampstead rings the the bell on each of his swings at the "High Strike" game during St. Anne's Summerfest fair Saturday, July 28. There was plenty to do for all ages, including games for the kids, a road race, baking contest, crafters, entertainment and food. See additional photos on page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

Jean Packard Takes on Town Fair Organization

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – Jean Packard has stepped up to save Town Fair this fall.

"I'd just hate to see it not happen," said Packard about her decision to put all of the last minute organizing together.

It's become a bit of a routine in Chester that

town fair may or may not happen. Packard organized the event four years ago when there was another dearth of volunteers.

The year after Packard's fair, the Chester Field of Dreams of Committee put on the event, and the following year, resident Sara Eno offered to step in to make sure the event got off the ground. Though Eno

organized it for two years, this year she has decided against doing so.

Though the Chester Recreation Commission planned to help organize the event this year, members wanted to move its traditional date by one week to make sure all of the members were available to help. When they presented their

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Londonderry Woman Dies in Hampstead Crash

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – A Londonderry woman died as the result of a motor vehicle accident Saturday at 6:50 p.m. in the center of Hampstead.

Hampstead Police Lt. John Frazier said the accident occurred at the intersection of

Emerson Avenue and Main Street (Route 121). Frazier said a 2005 Nissan Xterra, driven by Althea Hicks, 42, of Londonderry was coming south on Main Street approaching the Emerson Avenue intersection when a 2011 Hyundai, driven by Carlos Herrera, 30, of Clinton, Mass., pulled out from the

Emerson Avenue stop sign and blinking light onto Main Street to make a left hand turn.

"We're investigating whether he actually came to a stop there before proceeding out onto Main Street, but it is fair to say he failed to yield the right of way to the traffic on Main Street," Frazier said.

There was no evidence of speed, drugs or alcohol involved, he said.

Herrera's vehicle struck the side of the Hicks car hard enough to cause the Xterra to roll over onto its roof, partially ejecting the driver, who was not wearing a seatbelt.

Hicks was transported to Parkland Medical Center in

Derry by Trinity Ambulance, where she was pronounced dead.

Her passenger, Jay Nixon, 51, of Hampstead received minor injuries and was later transported to and treated at Parkland.

Herrera's passengers were Jillian Gould, 29; Melana Hewitt, 4, and Eleanor Cormier, 82, all of Fitchburg, Mass. They were all transported to Parkland and treated for minor injuries.

Hampstead Fire Chief Michael Carrier said the Fire Department remained on scene until 1:30 a.m. Sunday, assisting the police. Frazier said the Derry Police Technical Reconstruction team was called in and the accident is still under investigation. It is being conducted by Hampstead Police Officers Matt Moore, James Perry and Doug Mullin.

Inspector

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available.

Sherwood argued that his position is a unique one, as he's a part stipend, part fee-based employee, and different rules apply depending on which hat he's wearing. He said that in all his years of work, he's never effectively had a vacation as it would be defined for regular employees. Sherwood added that his goal is always to

provide good service to residents and builders.

Sherwood repeated that he felt singled out and that the rules the board was having him follow weren't enforced for all employees.

At one point Sherwood charged selectman Tom Tombarello with wanting his job.

"I've got five jobs. I don't need six," said Tombarello. "If you're going to go there, it's a waste of my time and your time."

At the end of the meeting, Tombarello again assured Sherwood that the goal was not to single him out or oust him.

"The intention of this board is not to fire you or suspend you," said Tombarello. "We all respect you. We know you've been here for 3,000 years but we just want to work with you."

"I'm not going to argue with you," said Sherwood.

The board agreed to put a group together to discuss the payment procedure for building inspections, and Sherwood agreed to sign the paperwork outlining the vacation and office hour rules.

Sherwood said he wasn't looking to raise any hackles but needed to explain some of the intricacies of his work and practices.

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Town Fair

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plans to the selectmen, however, selectman Mike Weider was adamant against changing the date and since then, the commission has decided it is unable to organize the event.

So Packard has decided to take on the effort.

"I seem to be the transition person," said Packard about her willingness to help out when there isn't anybody else to do it.

Since deciding to help last week, she has started making calls and sending emails and organized a meeting on Monday, July 30, for those already willing to take part.

Already on board in the first week are town groups like the Lions Club with its annual yard sale and Purple People Feeder, and the Historical Society. A few political candidates are also signed on.

At the top of the list for Packard is making the event a special day for the community to come out and see what everyone is up to. In

that same vein, she's already secured two local farms willing to come out and share their goods.

"I'm trying to incorporate a farmers' market too," said Packard. "To make it more of an Old Home Day thing, rather than just a vendors' fair."

There will be a parade at noon to kick off the fair, which will run until about 4:30 p.m. Paraders are sought.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8, and Packard is looking for volunteers, vendors, community groups and farmers willing to help make the day a success. Volunteers are sought for both the day of the event and for assistance in organizing. There are many opportunities to help.

Contact Jean at 887-4045 or e-mail chesterfair2012@yahoo.com.

Coinciding with Town Fair is the dedication of the Fire Station in the name of former Fire Chief Red Dolloff. And to finish the day will be the annual fireworks show put on by the fire department.

Two Troop 98 Boy Scouts Attain Eagle Rank

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Two young men, members of Derry Boy Scout Troop 98, shared their Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday afternoon, July 28, at Camp Carpenter in Manchester.

Jake Webb of Derry and Matthew Tyson of Hampstead, who now hold the rank of Eagle Scout, are members of Derry Troop 98, which meets at Central Congregational Church in Derry.

Webb explained that his project was the refurbishment of the Central Con-

gressional Church's pond.

"I cleared the brush and pulled the weeds from the surrounding area, installed a park bench, fixed the fishing dock and the stairway," he said.

The total work hours on the project totaled 142.57. Webb said the project involved three work days with much support, as well as some days when he worked alone.

He raised money for the project by selling plaques for the bench, he said. "The project cost \$438.51, but thanks to many supporters, the final cost was \$240," he said. "Most of the people

that helped were scouts and adult leaders from Troop 98. The project was selected because I felt it would be a nice way to show my appreciation for letting the church let us hold our meetings there."

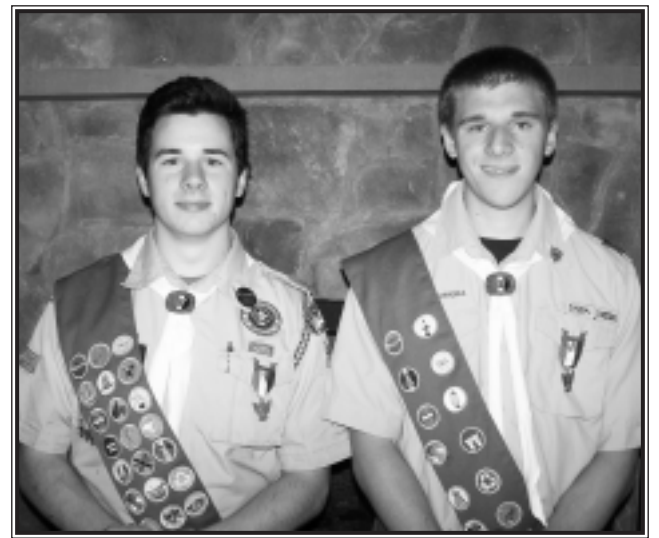
Tyson's project was at Ordway Park in Hampstead, where he opened up a trail from the back portion of the park through Town Conservation land to the nearby Rail Trail.

"I blazed a new trail and then put up inhibitors where the trail I created met the Rail Trail to block ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) from using the trail to access

Ordway Park," he said.

The total cost of his project was \$225, and Tyson and his father stood outside of TD Bank in Hampstead selling candy bars one day, raising more than \$200. People were generous and many made donations beyond the \$1 per candy bar, he said.

Tyson said he was helped primarily by his advisor, Joe Roy of Hampstead, as well as by his father and other members of his troop. The project totaled 114 1/2 hours of work, and was completed last August.



Jake Webb of Derry and Matt Tyson of Hampstead received their Eagle Scout designation at an Eagle Court of Honor that they shared on Saturday, July 28, at Camp Carpenter in Manchester. Both Scouts are members of Derry Troop 98, which meets at Central Congregational Church in Derry. *Courtesy photo*

Candidates

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has previously worked as an elementary principal, an interim assistant principal, a middle school assistant principal, and a high school teacher, all in Killeen.

She has a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, Superintendent Certification from Texas A&M University, and both a Master's degree in Education Administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Speech from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor.

The Killeen district serves Killeen, Fort Hood, Harker Heights, and Nolanville, with half the population of students coming from military families, according to the district's website.

Metzler's professional experience, in addition to his current position as high school principal, includes working as a middle school

principal, middle school assistant principal and middle school teacher, all in Quincy, Mass. North Quincy High School, where he is currently principal, is one of two high schools in Quincy.

He received his doctorate in education in administration from Walden University, a Master of Education degree in Administration from Eastern Nazarene College, and his Bachelor of Science in Education from Bridgewater State College.

The three candidates will each be interviewed for a second time Aug. 7 through 9. The SAU Board has announced non-public meetings for the interviews at 7 p.m. Aug. 7, 7 p.m. Aug. 8, and 7 p.m. Aug. 9. The SAU Board will then meet with DeBenedictis at 7

p.m. Aug. 13 to determine the finalists. That meeting will also be non public.

The SAU has announced that during the Aug. 7-9 period, the three candidates will tour all 11 schools in the two districts, and have a chance to meet with all the administrators and the SAU staff.

The SAU 55 Board invites members of the Hampstead and Timberlane communities as well as staff members of both districts to meet the three candidates on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 6 p.m. at Timberlane Regional High School in Plaistow. Each candidate will have 30 minutes to introduce themselves and field questions from the public. Participants will then be asked to submit their comments to

the SAU Board.

"I am very pleased with the way things have gone," said SAU Board chair Mike Mascola. "We had a 14-member screening committee that met five times and we had 100 percent attendance, and that was fantas-

tic. We had a ranking process for the candidates and the results were pretty unanimous in terms of the candidates the committee wanted to meet. I haven't met them other than to introduce them to the screening committee, but I

am pleased with the way the whole process has gone. Both Metzler and Hill have had face to face interviews and Winfried had his interview by Skype (he was on a previously scheduled vacation out of the country), and it went flawlessly."

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Editorial

Opportunities to Help

The network of houses of worship – and one Derry middle school – that has been working together to bring free meals to area families when local soup kitchens are not open has taken on a bigger challenge – a traditional dinner on Thanksgiving, served in two seatings and totaling 400 meals.

Organizers are hoping to attract people from as far away as Hooksett – anyone and everyone in search of companionship and/or a hot meal on Thanksgiving is welcome to dine free, no questions asked.

To make this possible, donations of time, food and money are invited. Whether it's an extra can of cranberry sauce, a pan of home-baked biscuits or a couple of hours in front of a hot stove, all help is welcome in this effort to meet a need in our midst.

Because in our affluent appearing communities, there is definitely a need.

Organizations ranging from churches to banks, food pantries to family resource centers have issued calls for donations of school supplies and the backpacks to put them in, all to benefit local youngsters who might not otherwise be able to start school ready to work. Each year, the call for such donations increases – and in most cases, is met admirably.

So when you notice a display of school supplies, whether shopping for your own children or just passing by,

consider buying an extra box of pencils or a couple of notebooks – local youngsters need them, and a collection box for donations is likely nearby.

And if your garden is doing well in the summer sunshine, whether it's a backyard mini-farm or a community plot, how about sharing some of those tomatoes and squash with neighbors who aren't able to garden this year. Who wouldn't relish a basket of fresh vegetables to liven up a summer meal.

Because people are going hungry in our neighborhoods.

Derry has two separate free meal programs operating for children this summer, and federal programs, run locally by Southern New Hampshire Services in Manchester, are providing fresh fruits and vegetables to income-eligible seniors who otherwise would go without. The commodities program reminds us of programs introduced as part of the War on Poverty in the 1960s. More than half a century later, people are going to bed hungry in this country.

Whatever their purpose – feeding children, hosting dinners, buying school supplies – these programs succeed through the generosity of those who can afford to help the invisible poor in our communities. There's plenty of opportunity to help, and many who live in our picture postcard-like towns who need your assistance.

Letters

Barnes Represents Chester Until Election

To the editor:

I noted with concern that the minutes of the Chester Board of Selectmen meeting of July 12, 2012 reflected a visit to the board from Russell Prescott, the state senator from District 23. Quoting directly, the minutes stated the following: "Due to redistricting, District 23's State Senator Russell Prescott from Kingston will be Chester's new senator. State Senator Jack Barnes is Chester's current senator; Senator Prescott will consult with him. Senator Prescott will be running for reelection this year. Residents are welcome to call him with any questions or concerns."

This statement neglects the fact that it is first necessary that there be an election before anyone becomes "Chester's new senator!" Not only does Prescott face a challenger in the Republican party primary, he will be facing a formidable opponent in Carol Croteau in the general election in November.

At the present time, Sen. Jack Barnes from Raymond represents Chester in Senate District 17. Sen. Barnes has decided not to seek reelection, yet he continues to serve as Chester's District 17 senator until the election on Nov. 6.

Due to a redistricting law (SB 201) passed in the just-ended session of the state legislature, Chester will no longer be in District 17, and instead will be included in District 23, which comprises the towns of Brentwood, Chester, Danville, Epping, Exeter, East Kingston, Fremont, Kingston, and Sandown.

Senator Prescott is currently the incumbent in District 23, but must win re-election in order to continue.

I urge Chester voters to consider Carol Croteau for

Senate District 23. Carol is a hard-working, committed, and common-sense leader who will restore sanity and moderation to the New Hampshire legislature. She will work hard for the interests of middle-class New Hampshire families and will be a strong force to counter the antics of the extremist "Tea Party" radicals who have dominated the last session of the legislature.

Once, serving in the state senate was considered a part-time job. No more. Today, the time demands on the 24 state senators require a virtually full-time commitment in order to fully meet the demands of this very important elected office.

Voters of Chester and the re-configured District 23 are fortunate to have Ms. Croteau willing to make the necessary commitment of time and effort needed to serve us effectively as our senator.

Richard Uncles
Chester

Stolen Campaign Sign

To the editor:

My Obama sign was stolen from my front yard.

Even with all those Romney signs around, it looks like Mitt Romney's supporters are scared of only one Obama sign in the town. It's before the conventions, and they are already that frightened.

Charlotte Lister
Chester

Garden Club Thanks

To the editor:

On behalf of the Hampstead Garden Club, I would like to publicly thank those that contributed to the success of our Discover the Secrets Garden Walk fundraiser.

First, our heartfelt thanks go to the six homeowners who welcomed us,

sharing their unique and memorable gardens and knowledge, as well as working so diligently to prepare them for our guests: the Donovan family of Sandown, the Gamelin family of East Hampstead, and the Bertolino, Boulter, Duston, and Poussard families of Hampstead.

Next, we thank the Hampstead Public Library staff and Kari Allard of Tulip Tree Farm for selling tickets in advance of the walk. Support from Hampstead Print & Copy for the printing of signs, posters and tickets is much appreciated. Our gratitude for donations of floral baskets goes to Freshwater Farms and Tulip Tree Farm and of paper goods to Hannaford of East Hampstead.

We were very fortunate to have several businesses on hand to answer gardening questions: Landscapers Depot, Pawtuckaway Nursery, Shady Hill Greenhouses, and Wild Birds Unlimited. Additionally, our thanks go to UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Suzy Martin for sharing her knowledge about organic vegetable gardening.

Always helpful is the Hampstead Highway Department, who lent us signs to help attendees locate the gardens. And we thank this newspaper for publicizing our event, which was meant to encourage an interest in all aspects of gardening, promote civic beauty, and the conservation of natural resources.

Equally as important, we thank all of the people who purchased tickets and spent the day visiting the gardens. The Garden Club will use our proceeds to continue beautifying Hampstead during the growing season and again as the holidays approach. We are so proud of our club members who understand that we all need to contribute to our communities. We made several

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Military Support Club Activity Stretches into Summer

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Hampstead Middle School Military Support Club will be entering its 11th year when school resumes in the fall. The club, made up of seventh and eighth graders, meets weekly during the school year to write notes and cards and arrange for packages to be sent to the club's many military friends, some of whom are deployed overseas, others stationed stateside and still others out of the military altogether but remaining in touch with the club that meant so much to them during their service.

HMS teacher Kathe Cussen founded the club following the Sept. 11 attacks. Its founding was her spontaneous response to a newspaper article about a local man deployed to the Persian Gulf, and she involved her homeroom students. That involvement has expanded over the intervening decade, and the club's support

has changed from sending cards, emails, letters and packages to a single Navy helicopter pilot, Lt. Eric Siferlen of Plaistow, during his deployment on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, to a list that today boasts 183 adopted service men and women and 826 packages sent overseas.

The club membership changes as the young people graduate from middle school, but they are always replaced by a new crop of seventh graders.

The club meets once during the summer because, as Cussen said, the troops don't get to go on summer vacation. Last week a dozen youngsters showed up to write notes and cards, and joining them was local U.S. Navy World War II veteran, Forrest Brown. One of the military friends the kids were writing to is a friend of Brown.

Six of the youngsters who gathered at the library Wednesday afternoon, July 25, are headed to Pinkerton Academy in the fall. One



Pfc. Matt Anderson, right, a Hampstead and Pinkerton graduate, visited the Military Support Club following his graduation from Boot Camp, before heading to Texas for additional training. The Military Support Club held its mid-summer meeting last week to write cards to the military the kids support. With them is Forrest "Brownie" Brown, center.



young lady will be attending Lesley College in the fall, and others will be seventh graders. Regardless of where they fall on the educational ladder, they all had just one goal in mind Wednesday - to write cards and notes to the list of military friends Cussen had prepared for them - Alex, Sandra, and Paul.

Lesley Herold, headed for Lesley College and a dedicated club member

coming to her sixth mid-summer meeting, said she has been influenced by the club. She is headed for a career as an expressive therapist, with the intention of working with military personnel.

"This club is important because these military friends deserve special attention and thanks for all they do for us," she said. "They need something special and we have been able,

through the club, to give them something special. Their response to our cards and packages prove that. They are always so excited to hear from us and say how important our support is to them. It makes me happy to be a part of this."

Amanda Thomas, headed to Pinkerton Academy this fall, said, "I was in the club both my seventh and eighth grade years. Being a part of this makes me feel

good when I write to them and they respond, saying how important hearing from us is."

Brown said he is thrilled to have discovered the kids and the club and is excited to be a part of their efforts.

"I think that it is just exceptional what these kids and Kathe are doing for their military friends overseas," he said. "I am just so pleased to be a part of this."

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new friends on Saturday who we hope will consider joining our club. Next

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Laura Treat
Garden Walk Chair
Hampstead Garden Club

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Eagle Scout Project Would Bring Benches, Bridge to Town Forest

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Sandown's Boy Scout Troop 268 has a culture that sees a steady stream of its members earning the highest rank attainable in the organization, that of Eagle. Louis Guarino is one of several members currently working on the community-service project that is part and parcel with

the rank.

Guarino is looking to build eight benches and a bridge in the Sandown Town Forest - one bench for every trail and one bridge for a perpetually wet spot in the middle of one of those trails that forces walkers to find a way around or tromp through the mud.

The project came up as a result of Guarino's search for a worthy project and dis-

cussions with the Conservation Commission. Getting the idea is just the start, however, as any scout or troop leader will say.

There's fundraising to do, reams of paperwork, talking with civic and business leaders to garner support, and all of the organizing of fellow scouts, helpers and materials to do the physical work.

Guarino said he wants

to finish his project in about six months, but ideally would like to start building by the end of October. He's got a calendar drawn up to help keep him on track, but there are some unknown variables.

One of those variables is funding. He's been fundraising with fellow Eagle hopefuls Matt Turner, Chris Robinson and Tyler Beaulieu, but still needs some help in

fully funding the project. The scouts were running a concession stand, but that work has dried up with the end of the baseball and soccer seasons.

Guarino has the money for the bridge but is looking for help with the benches. The Conservation Commission is sponsoring one of those benches.

Anyone interested in helping out may email Guar-

ino at skyfries@gmail.com.

Part of the Eagle effort in Sandown has always been scouts supporting each other's projects. The 17-year-old Guarino has a solid head start on his work from aiding the projects of those who went before him.

And it's a good group, he said, one where volunteering and community is important.

State Fish & Game Partners with Local Schools

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

Students in New Hampshire schools now have the ability to learn and apply 21st century geospatial concepts using software developed by the Environmental System Research Institute (ESRI).

Thanks to a statewide partnership between ESRI and the New Hampshire Department of Education, every public and private school throughout the state will gain access to ESRI's state-of-the-art geographic information systems (GIS) tools. The agreement also includes school administrative use for such tasks as creating district maps and bus routes.

"New Hampshire is one of several states in the nation that can provide Geographic Information

Systems software to every school in the state free of charge," said Virginia M. Barry, Commissioner of Education. "We are glad to be able to partner with ESRI to provide this opportunity in New Hampshire."

According to Judy Tumosa of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, "This partnership will provide a wonderful opportunity for teachers to use GIS to gather, display, analyze and share their data as they study their watersheds."

Lori-Lyn Griffin, Hampstead Middle School fifth grade science teacher, runs the school's weather station. She was excited about the partnership and the possibility of getting the equipment.

"It sounds fascinating," she said. "One of the capabilities with the software is

to look at seasonal changes, globally. This would allow me to expand the students' exposure to weather patterns from nationally to globally. We can compare our weather patterns to those in Europe and Asia very easily with this software."

Griffin has applied for the program and Lori Collins, the Hampstead School District's Information Technology director, will be working with her and computer teacher Chad Pimentel if they are accepted to receive the software.

Kathe Cussen, HMS seventh grade science teacher, said she sees an effective application of the program in seventh grade social studies and sixth grade science. "Social Studies' focus is geography and grade 6 science deals with water topics, such as watersheds, lake

ecology, etc. so it would be applicable and helpful," she said.

Recognized non-formal education groups such as 4-H Clubs, scout groups, and Boys and Girls Clubs will also have access to the software. Shane Bradt, director of the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Geospatial Technologies Training Center, noted, "Not only will this ESRI license provide a wonderful opportunity to engage kids in geospatial inquiry in the classroom,

but the availability of GIS to after-school groups will further integrate spatial thinking into the next generation of New Hampshire students."

The partnership with ESRI was made possible through the collaborative effort of the New Hampshire Department of Education, New Hampshire Geographic Alliance, New Hampshire Fish and Game, and UNH Cooperative Extension. A variety of workshops and institutes are planned to aid teachers in

the implementation of this technology in their classrooms.

"I have been working with future teachers, teaching them how to effectively use the software in their classrooms to support geographic inquiry," said Lara Bryant, an assistant professor at Keene State College. "It is now exciting that the software will be available to them when they begin teaching. GIS really allows teachers to create an inquiry-based learning environment, one in which students can ask questions, explore spatial data and begin to derive possible solutions to the variety of geographic issues our communities face."

ESRI Education Manager Charlie Fitzpatrick, added, "This is a huge opportunity for students of New Hampshire to build their career options. GIS is in every industry, GIS is STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), GIS is green, and GIS is growing."

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Trustees Approve Hiring of Assistant Librarian

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Hampstead Library Trustees have approved the hiring of Marilyn Moran as Assistant Librarian.

Moran will be working Wednesday and Thursday evenings for three hours each, filling the vacancy left by Kate Thomas, a former Assistant Librarian who was approved for the Information Technology Librarian position left open when Linda Skidmore retired.

Moran is a Hampstead resident. She has been a volunteer for several years at the library and will be receiving an hourly wage of \$12.44.

In other business at the Trustees' recent meeting:

- Library Director Debra Hiatt said a patron audio book survey was conducted and input will continue to be taken. The survey is available at the circulation desk for anyone interested in taking it and giving input on future purchases of audio books.

The survey indicated that most were satisfied with the library's selections but more audio books are wanted.

"Our community research shows that we have a significant number of commuters who drive 60 miles and many more that drive between 25 and 50 miles, and this is our primary audio book population," said Hiatt. "Given this information, I think when budget time comes, we should allocate more funds to this line item."

- Hiatt noted that library attendance continues to be strong. In addition, the trustees were pleased to note that there had been 61 volunteer hours during the month of June.

- Hiatt told the Trustees the Children's DVD section has been moved to a location where it can be monitored by the circulation desk because of the number of empty DVD cases found. The move is expected to take care of the situation.

- The Library has been designated the official cooling place in town. Hiatt said that on July 17, the hottest day so far, she didn't see much of an influx that could

be identified as people coming in just for the air conditioning, as there was a children's program that day and the library was busy. However, she said she was happy for the library to be so designated and welcomed residents to come in out of the heat and visit the library.

- John Skidmore said the six-month budget balance

shows 53 percent of the budget remaining. The trustees expressed satisfaction over this.

"That's good and it means we are pretty much on target," he said. "Starting with the next month's report, however, we will be paying closer attention to those lines that now are under 50 percent."

- The trustees discussed

whether to replace six or perhaps just four computers this year. A computer mapping to determine the age and condition and status of the library's computers has been completed and once the results are available, a decision will be made on how many of the library's 24 computers need to be replaced.

- The Trustees were pleased

to see that overtime has been drastically reduced, with 96 percent of that line still remaining.

- The Library Trustees are still looking for another alternate member. The Trustees are the governing body of the library and appoint a librarian, prepare an annual budget, and expend funds from the budget and contributions.

They also advocate for the library in the community.

The Trustees meet on the third Wednesday evening of the month and three times a year with the Board of Selectmen for budget discussions.

Anyone interested should contact the library or plan to attend the next Trustees meeting on Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the library.

Local Woman Publishes Book of Poetry

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

Kyle Potvin, a member of the Hyla Brook poetry group that has presentations at the Robert Frost Farm and who is a poet in her own right, has recently published a book of poems.

Finishing Line Press announced the publication of a new collection of poems, "Sound Travels on Water," by Potvin. The chapbook, a small book of poetry, includes both formal and free verse poems that touch on topics such as

motherhood, illness, food and hopefulness. Potvin is donating \$3 per chapbook sold to a breast cancer awareness/research organization.

Robert Crawford, winner of the 2011 Richard Wilbur Award and author of "The Empty Chair," said of his fellow Hyla Brook poet, "most poets who attempt poetry about tragedies, both personal and global, are satisfied with using the subject itself to do most of the heavy lifting - as if just mentioning the word 'war' or 'cancer' is sufficient to carry the reader along. Kyle Potvin

isn't satisfied with this kind of easy victory. Her poems, with humor, grace and metaphor, allow the reader to accompany her into a deeper understanding of what it's like to confront cancer. She tackles the familiar subjects of family, food, and even laundry, with wit and, again, an ability to make the commonplace a door into something universal and deeply moving. There is much beneath the surface here."

Potvin's poetry has appeared in print and online publications. She was a final-

ist for the 2008 Howard Nemerov Sonnet Award.

Potvin is principal of a public relations firm and co-founder of The Prickly Pear Poetry Project: Processing the Cancer Experience Through Poetry. She is on the Board of the Poetry Society of New Hampshire and helps coordinate the Hyla Brook Reading Series. She lives in Derry with her husband and two sons.

The cover design and art for Potvin's chapbook were created by Michelle Baker of Hampstead.

On Thursday, Aug. 9, at 6:30pm, Potvin will appear with featured poet Linda Pastan, Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize winner for lifetime achievement and two-time National Book Award finalist, at the Robert Frost Farm as part of the Hyla Brook Reading Series. She will read some of the poems from her new book.

Scheduled for release on Sept. 29, the chapbook is available for pre-order at www.finishinglinepress.com (search by author).



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Summerfest Brings Fun to All Ages



Activities abounded for all ages at the 31st annual St. Anne's Summerfest on Saturday in Hampstead. Above and clockwise, Sophia Phaneuf, 7, helps Mabel Backman during the water balloon race; volunteers judge one of the five apple pies in Summerfest's first bake-off; youngsters race to the finish line during the Panda Sack race portion of the festival's kids' games; Rita La Bella, former Hampstead resident who now lives in Tewksbury, Mass., won the "Belle of the Road" title after coming in first in the age 60-69 women's age group during the festival's road race; the girls win a battle of Tug-of-War against the boys at the festival; and Ryan Dane, bottom, and Brendan Howlon, both 9, have fun while participating in the wheelbarrow race.

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Circus Comes to Town The Chester Recreation Program continues for the summer with a variety of fun events going on throughout the month. On Wednesday, July 25, campers had a chance to let loose, as the camp circus rolled in with a variety of games and activities. Above from left, Jordan Travers helps Jacqueline Gerry with the floating duck game; Samantha Trambly, 7, colors an eye onto her balloon; and 12-year-old Jared Valentine gets a temporary tattoo from camp counselor Shannon Murphy. Photos by Chris Paul

Man Charged with Assault

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times


HAMPSTEAD – A New Hampshire State Police and Attorney General's Office investigation into a domestic incident that occurred early on Monday morning, May 21, between Hampstead Police Officer Kath-

leen Boulter and John Ingemi of 259 Main St., has resulted in Ingemi's being charged with Simple Assault, a Class A misdemeanor.

Boulter, who was assigned to desk duty after the domestic altercation, was cleared by the State Police of any wrong doing and


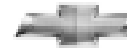
returned to full-time patrol duty, as previously reported in the Tri-Town Times.

Hampstead Police Lt. John Frazier said Boulter was returned to shift work July 15. Ingemi was charged July 13. He has a Plaistow District Court date of Aug. 23.



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Volunteers Gear Up For Sandown Old Home Days Aug. 10-12

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – The average visitor who stops by Sandown's annual Old Home Days celebration may not realize the scope of volunteer time and effort that goes into the festivities.

With just a few weeks left until Old Home Days weekend of Aug. 10, 11 and 12, its organizing committee is making last minute changes and making sure everything is in order to keep the event running smoothly.

Even something as routine as the annual pie eating contest, which attracts kids and adults, prompts effort.

What kind of pies should be purchased? Last year it was all blueberry, but the kids said they wanted other flavors. Who will buy the pies? Where should they be bought? Will they have enough? When should the contest take place?

Each year a group of committed volunteers asks all of the little and big questions to get the day off the ground. For the past two years, they've been chaired by Timothy Rand.

During the group's Wednesday, July 25, meeting Rand attempted to gauge the energy level of his fellow members, noting that it wouldn't be strange to be a little tired of all the organizing at this stage in the game. For Rand? He loves it, and is

already looking forward to next year.

While the committee is always looking to present new offerings, one of the big things it has been pushing during the last couple of years are the Friday night events. This year Friday night's dance (BYOB and age 21-plus) will begin at 8 p.m. Weather permitting, it will be outside the town hall, but if the rain comes, it moves inside. The committee has booked Jimmy East and the Soldiers of Soul to play Motown and oldies.

Starting about 5 p.m. that same night, the fairgrounds at Central School will be open. Vendors will set up for 6 p.m., but all of the bouncy houses, a rock wall and live bands will be there. Committee members urge everyone to come out, visit with friends and neighbors, and kick off the weekend.

The following morning begins the main Old Home Day. All the old favorites will be back for another year, from the frog jumping contest to the bake-off to awarding Citizen of the Year. Local groups will sell food and run games and contests, along with local vendors plying their wares. The Lions Club will have a food booth again, along with a variety of other foods and drink.

Starting at 9 a.m. will be the 20th annual Sandown Old Home Days 5-Miler. At 8:30 a.m., the Kids' 1K Fun Run starts (See related story

this page).

There will be a dunk tank this year as well as pony rides, a live animal show, kids' karaoke, a magician and live bands. As part of the local rock group Preciphist, Rand is big on the live music end of things and for the last couple of years, it's been a big part of the events.

For those wanting to take a break from the crowds, the Old Meeting House hosts an open house from 2 to 4 p.m.

Holding a raffle and silent auction on Saturday is the Sandown Senior Affairs Committee, headed up by Nelson Rheume. Raffle prizes include 18 holes for four at Atkinson Country Club; a wine tasting for 20 at Zorvino Vineyards; an autographed Boston Bruins hockey puck; tickets to the Manchester Fisher Cats, Lowell Spinners and Manchester Monarchs; 18 holes for two at Kingston Fairways and gift certificates to Canobie Lake Park, grocery stores, restaurants and other local shops.

And on Saturday night, after the Fire Department's Chicken Barbecue, everyone is welcomed to visit Sandlot Sports on North Road to view the fireworks. There will be also be karaoke there to keep everyone entertained.

While the committee was working with the amusement company that provided the midway last year, things fell through at the last minute,

but pulling some strings and finding some money, the group made sure to get plenty of rides and entertainment for the kids.

On Sunday, things wind down a bit. The Old Meeting House holds its annual Old Home Day Service at 11 a.m. Featured speaker is Republican State Rep. Norman Major.

Immediately following the service, head over to the pot roast dinner at St. Matthew's Church. The dinner is by reservation only. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5

for children age 12 and under. Preschoolers eat free. For reservations, contact Arlene at 887-3453 or email abasett@gsinet.net.

And once again the Fire Department and Police Department will go head to head on Sunday at Sandlot Sports in their annual softball game.

Volunteers to help things run smoothly throughout the weekend are welcome. Contact Rand at 867-3470 or randscape2001@yahoo.com. Also, prizes are sought for Saturday's contests.

Are you interested in walking in the parade? Have a float you want to ride or a business you want to promote? Karen Jortberg is heading up the parade. Contact her at 978-994-0375 or karen.jortberg@draeger.com.

Vendors interested in attending can contact Erica Olsen at 887-4018 or olsenej@comcast.net.

Those with ideas or a band and who understand the Old Home Days entertainment budget is spent, call Rick Deluca at 505-0271 or rickdeluca@ymail.com.

Sandown 5-Miler Runs Aug. 11

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – This year, the 20th annual Sandown 5-Miler will be run on the morning of Sandown Old Home Day, Aug. 11. Billed as the toughest five miles in New England, it's part challenging run, part fundraiser for the community.

Out of the money raised each year through runners and sponsorships, two \$500 scholarships are given to graduating high school seniors from Sandown going on to higher education, and the remaining funds are split among community youth groups like the scouts, Explorers and the library's summer reading program. Estimates are that nearly \$30,000 has gone to support the community in just the last decade of the race's 20 year run.

This year, Greg Stockman and Alex Ojemann won the scholarships.

The money comes from runner registrations and the

support of the business community. Once again the year's main sponsor is Granite State Communications, but a host of others help keep the run a success, said organizer Lou Saviano.

The race is also hosted and sponsored by the Sandown Rogue Runners and the Greater Derry Track Club.

Sandown's race is popular and well-respected. For the last two years it was selected by New Hampshire runners to be a part of the New Hampshire Grand Prix Series of road races and is not on the list this year only because a run can have the distinction for just two years in a row.

Though the participating athletes usually take part in such races because they love them or want to challenge themselves, Saviano said that when he mentions that there are prizes three deep, it doesn't hurt the registration numbers.

In both male and female divisions, first place earns a \$100 certificate, second place is \$50 and third is \$25.

The first 150 entries in the race also get a performance cloth shirt - this year they'll be 20th anniversary commemorative editions. Goodie bags are given out and there is a post-race raffle including a night for two at the Boston Courtyard by Marriott.

For the young runners, 11 years old and under, there's a Kids' 1K Fun Run that heads out right before the longer race.

The race starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11. Starting at 8:30 a.m. is the Kids' 1K.

Entry fee for the Five Miler is \$20 before Aug. 6 and \$25 the day of the race. Entry fee for the 1K is a donation of canned goods to the Sandown Food Pantry.

Register on race day starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Sandown fire station on Main Street.

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Local Authors Talk Craft at Visit to Chester Library

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – While the perennial goal of the Chester Public Library is to encourage reading and make available the most sought after books, this month staff are directing that effort to a local market.

Two local authors' nights will help connect Chester readers with a sampling of the wealth of authors the local area boasts.

On Wednesday, July 25, the downstairs area of the library was filled with writers who focus on young readers, from non-fiction books good for school projects to picture books to high seas adventure.

Library director Tim Sheehan said the library was located in a very creative region and while many readers come in looking for best sellers and books by well-known national authors, he thought it valuable to get the word out on talented local writers whom patrons may otherwise

miss.

In a parallel effort, the library has marked all of its books by local authors with a small sticker on the spine denoting such. It's a good way to find some new reading material, said Sheehan.

Both young and old perused the writers' tables and learned a thing or two about the writing life.

Right inside the door, writers Eric Pinder and Kathleen Deady shared a table strewn with their books. Both authors showed off non-fiction and fiction works.

In his writing, Pinder, previously a nature writing teacher at the former Chester College of New England, has combined a science background with a love of writing. Some of his works are inspired by the years he spent atop Mount Washington as a weather observer, including his first book for children, "Cat in the Clouds," about a now famous feline that lived with the scientists. Pinder noted how amusing it was to see hikers surprised as they

came around a bend in the trail and saw the housecat.

"I've always loved science and I've always loved writing, and I turned that into writing about science and the outdoors," said Pinder.

Deady, from Manchester, started her career in picture books but has since moved on to focus on non-fiction writing, something she said she loves. Though initially hesitant to make the move into non-fiction, she said it's difficult now to quit the research end of things and move on to writing. But with scores of books on everything from national landmarks to early civilizations to notable women of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, she clearly enjoys the writing part too.

Deady answered many questions from local aspiring authors about how to become successful in the difficult career. Noting the benefit of her own writing group, The Write Sisters, she encouraged them to join such a group. She encouraged would-be writers to develop a relationship with fellow writers they trust and listen to their critiques.

In the next room, Michelle McCorkle and

G.M. Browning discussed their own work. Both McCorkle and Browning focus on fiction.

McCorkle, though currently of Hooksett, grew up in Chester, the daughter of Gene and Dianna Charron. Both her parents made sure to drop by to see their daughter's work on display last week. A middle school English teacher for 16 years, McCorkle has four young adult novels to her name.

Not to mention that she's got kids of her own, but every day McCorkle sees the things that young people struggle with, and while her books are lauded for their entertaining story lines, they also tackle important issues in the lives of teenagers. Important to McCorkle is addressing those issues in a way that isn't preachy but is at the kids' level.

McCorkle's students know she's an author, and she said they think it's pretty cool. They couldn't wait for her newest book, "Voices from Beyond," to hit the shelves, she said, and there was a fight or two over who would get to read it first.

It's gratifying that her core audience appreciates her work, said McCorkle.

She also encourages budding writers in her classroom to use her as a resource and as proof that someone can be a regular person and an author at the same time.

Browning's station was filled with pirate treasure, apropos of his new novel, "Cerulean Isle." It's a high seas adventure with pirates, mermaids and a young man's quest for freedom.

The animated Browning said that important to his work was making sure his readers never questioned the fantasy world that they entered in his book. A lot of research was done to make sure the language of the pirates was right, and in bringing to life the merpeople.

Instead of ethereal beings or Disney princesses, Browning's mermaids are a tribal, indigenous culture to themselves. They have their own language, they eat the birds they shoot out of the sky with whalebone arrows,

and if the kids' reactions to listening to Browning were any indication, it's a pretty cool book.

All writers agreed that marketing their books and getting the word out on them was almost as much work as writing. In addition to visiting local libraries and bookstores, many of the writers visit schools to share their expertise. Deady, with a wealth of material on many subjects, can tailor her presentations to what schools are looking for, while Pinder is often called in for units on the weather.

"It's nice when you see students come in, elementary students, who are enthusiastic about books," said Pinder after answering some questions from a young reader.

The next local authors' night, this time with a focus on adult books, was Wednesday, Aug. 1, after the Tri-Town Times went to press.



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TRI-TOWN HAPPENINGS

CHESTER

Town Fair

Chester Town Fair Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, at the town ballfields. The parade and festivities start at noon. Vendors, parade participants, farmers willing to display their wares and anyone willing to volunteer are invited to call Jean at 887-4045 or email: chesterfair2012@yahoo.com.

Farmers' Market, Car Night

Chester Congregational & Baptist Church, 4 Chester St., will host a Farmers' Market on Aug. 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. (rain date is Aug. 23). The date coincides with Chester's Cruisin' Car Night, which takes place directly across the street from the church and offers classic cars, food, ice cream, raffles and music. For more information, call the church office at 887-4799 or email chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net. The Chester Historical Society will be open the same nights as the Farmers Markets and car shows, and the antique mail wagon will be on display outdoors.

Scarecrows can be picked up at this time.

Fall Soccer

Registration for the fall season of the Chester Soccer Club is open through Aug. 15. Early registration is \$50 (no shirt) or \$70 (new shirt needed). Any registration postmarked after Aug. 15 will cost \$65 (no shirt) or \$85 (new shirt). Any child ages 4 through 17 can register. Divisions U8 - U18 are part of a recreation league of local towns. Any parents interested in coaching may email board@chesternhsoccer.com and attend one free evening coaching clinic in August. Coaches will get a rebate on one child's registration, and coaches who attend the clinic will receive larger rebates. Visit: www.chesternhsoccer.com for details.

Co-ed Volleyball

Chester Recreation is offering free adult co-ed pickup volleyball on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Chester Multi-purpose room. Call the Recreation Department for more information at 887-5773 or email: sharon@chesternhrec.org

Soccer Coaching Clinics

Challenger Sports will hold free soccer coaching clinics at the Chester town soccer field Aug 7 (U6), 8 (U8), and 9 (U10, U12, U15 and U18). Chester Soccer Club coaches who attend one of the clinics will get a rebate on their child's registration. For further information, visit: <http://www.chesternhsoccer.com/>.

PJs Storytimes

PJs Storytimes at Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., are Thursdays, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. The programs are for ages 3 to 6, with children invited to come to the library wearing their pajamas. For more information, call the Library at 887-3404.

Treasure Hunt

Hidden treasure in the form of extra Summer Reading Program raffle tickets can be found at the Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St. The library holds a Treasure Hunt on Monday Aug. 6, both at 7 p.m. Summer Reading Program registration continues in July. For

more information, call the Library at 887-3404.

Book Discussion

The Chester Public Library Book Group Discussion meets every third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. On Aug. 21 the topic is the book "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress" by Dai Sijie. Cardholders may borrow copies of the books to be discussed. For more information, call the Library at 887-3404.

Challenger Soccer Camp

The Chester Soccer Club is hosting Challenger Sports soccer camp Aug. 6-10 at the Chester town soccer field. Any child ages 4-15 from any town can sign up for one of three sessions that week: Full Day, ages 8-15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Half Day, ages 6-15, 9 a.m. to noon; and Mini-soccer, ages 4-6, 1 to 2:30 p.m. For the registration link visit www.chesternhsoccer.com/.

Challenger Goalie Camp

Challenger's Southern New Hampshire Goalie Camp will be held at the Chester town soccer field Aug 6-10. Any child ages 7-15 from any town is welcome to sign up for one of two sessions: for ages 7 to 10, 4 to 6 p.m., and for ages 10 to 14, 6 to 8

p.m. For the registration link, visit <http://www.chesternhsoccer.com/>.

Arts Contest

Chester Public Library holds a Visual/Literary Arts Contest for ages 8 to 15 in the following categories: drawing, photography, and poetry. Entries must be received by Friday, Aug. 3. The Contest Awards Ceremony will be held Thursday, Aug. 16, during the Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the library at 887-3404.

Storytimes

The Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., offers free Storytimes with stories and crafts every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. with Mrs. Emily. For more information, call 887-3404.

HAMPSTEAD

Farmers Market

Due to customer request, the Hampstead Lions Club will change the times of operation for the Hampstead Farmers Market. Beginning Saturday, Aug. 4, the market will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stage Road junction parking lot off Mary E. Clark Drive. New vendors are added weekly. For more informa-

tion, call Bernie Longbook at 329-5603 or visit Hampsteadlionsclub.com and click on Farmers Market.

Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at Town Hall on Thursday, Aug. 9, between noon and 12:30 p.m. to register new voters and update the checklist. This can also be done at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Knights of Columbus Supper

The Knights of Columbus, St. Maximilian Kolbe Council, will prepare and serve a steak barbecue dinner on Saturday, Aug. 11, at 5 p.m. at St. Anne Church Hall, Emerson Avenue. The menu will also include potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, and beverages. The donation is \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children under 12 years of age.

Church Yard Sale

An indoor/outdoor yard sale will be held rain or shine on Thursday, Aug. 16; Friday, Aug. 17; and Saturday, Aug. 18, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route

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The Hampstead Knights of Columbus seeks golfers to play in its ninth annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Bradford Country Club. Format is a four player scramble, with registration from noon to 1:15 p.m. and coffee and donuts from Dunkin' Donuts of Hampstead. Cost is \$125 per player, which covers greens fees, cart, goody bag, registration gift, longest drive, closet to pin, putting contest, team prizes and dinner. A raffle offers prizes. Hole sponsors are

\$75 each. Registration forms are available at Center Market, Don's Market, Store & More, East Hampstead Post Office and Bradford Country Club. Proceeds go to cancer and kidney funds, Make-A-Wish and the food pantry, and sending 10 handicapped campers to Camp Fatima every year. For more information or to register, contact Nick Sarbanis at 329-6819 (home) or 231-0622 (cell) or at mgrhomeloan@comcast.net.

Library Yoga

A chair yoga class is offered at the Hampstead Public Library on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 3 p.m. Participants move at their own pace, sitting, standing, or using a chair for support. The instructor is Maggie Morgan, a certified yoga teacher from the Yoga Room in Hampstead.

College Essays

High school seniors are invited to the Hampstead

Public Library on Monday, Aug. 13, from 2 to 3 p.m. for "The Write Stuff" to learn tips for developing the written portion of a college application. The focus will be on the essay, but creating a college resume and letters of recommendation will also be discussed. Sign up is required by visiting or calling the library at 329-6411, or emailing programsHPL@gmail.com. Participants may bring a draft of their essay if they have one. There will be one-on-one help if time allows. This workshop is presented by a representative of the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation, which provides free college planning assistance.

Book Sale

The Hampstead Public Library's annual Book Sale is Aug. 27 through Sept. 1 in the library's second floor meeting room during usual business hours. A large selection of books, both fiction and nonfiction, plus

audiobooks and videos will be on sale. No item is priced above \$1. A pre-sale takes place Aug. 24 and 25 for Hampstead Library cardholders only.

Hunger Games

The Hampstead Public Library will show the movie "The Hunger Games" on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 6:30 p.m. The showing is free.

Electronics Recycling

On Saturday, Aug. 25, from 8 a.m. to noon, Windfield Alloy, Inc., with support from the Towns of Hampstead and Atkinson, sponsors a free recycling day for used computer equipment, general electronics, white goods, and scrap metal. The event is at 2 Route 111 in Atkinson, headquarters of Windfield Alloy, Inc. Items accepted free are televisions and monitors, computers and laptops, stereos, remote controls, telephones, all types of metal, and white goods. Refrigerators will be

accepted for \$10 each, and air conditioners will be accepted for \$10 each. For more information, call Windfield Alloy Customer Support at 329-1230 or Hampstead Town Hall at 329-4100, ext. 115.

Film Festival

As part of its Film Noir Festival, the Hampstead Public Library will present Alfred Hitchcock's "Notorious" on Thursday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m.

Dream Interpretation

The Hampstead Public Library presents Susan Morgan, author of "The Power of Dreams," at 7 p.m. Aug. 13. She will give an overview of how to increase dream recall and how to take steps toward learning what dreams mean.

Library After Dark

A family program featuring mime Robert Rivest takes place at the Hampstead Public Library on Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Audience participation is part of the event. Members

of the New Hampshire Astronomical Society will also be at the library that evening to give a presentation and, weather permitting, they will bring several telescopes for stargazing outside. The library will also provide food and raffles.

Crafters Wanted

The Hampstead Mothers' Club announces its 27th annual Craft Fair, set for Hampstead Middle School on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds benefit the children of Hampstead. Spaces for crafters and artists are 6-by-10-feet with two chairs provided, for \$6. For more information on vendor registration, contact Sarah Wisecarver at 329-5290 or sarahwise-carver@rocketmail.com.

Book Discussions

At its August meeting, the Third Thursday Book Group at the Hampstead Public Library will discuss "Sense of an Ending" by

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Julian Barnes on Aug. 16 at 1 p.m. The Non-Fiction Book Group will discuss "Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World" by Mark Kurlansky on Monday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. Copies of both books are available at the library's front desk. Newcomers are always welcome.

Farmers Market Storytime

The Hampstead Public Library is taking Storytime outside on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 11 a.m. to noon. Farm-themed books will be read, songs will be sung, and games will take place on the library's front lawn. Afterward, parents and kids are encouraged to visit the town's Farmers Market next door.

Summer Concerts

Hampstead Meeting House Park's 2012 free Summer Concert Series take place Tuesdays at 6 p.m., rain or shine. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic. The schedule is: Tuesday, Aug. 7, Don Campbell; Tuesday, Aug. 14, 6 p.m. Southern Rail; and Tuesday, Aug. 21, The 60's Invasion Band.

Library Art

The Hampstead Public Library features the work of local artist Christine Casarano, with her paintings on display in the library's second floor meeting room now through Aug. 17. She is a self-taught painter whose preferred medium is acrylics.

Golf Tourney

The Hampstead Civic Club Golf Tournament takes place Friday, Aug. 10, at Windham Country Club, with registration from 6 to 7 a.m., and a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start, with scramble format. The entry fee of \$125 per player includes greens fees, cart, and post-golf dinner. Visit www.Hampstead-CivicClub.com for registration. Call Ken Fure at 339-1116 with questions.

Kids' Bible Club

The Island Pond Baptist Church Kids' Bible Club has resumed and will continue

to meet each Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. throughout the summer. Kids' Club is for first through fifth graders and includes snacks, games, activities and lesson time. Each lesson stands on its own, so students can attend any meeting. Island Pond Baptist Church is at 26 North Salem Road. For more information, visit www.islandpondbc.org or call the church office at 329-5959.

SANDOWN

Food Pantry Fundraisers

As part of its "Community Week" theme, participants and staff of the Sandown Parks and Recreation Summer Program will raise money for the Community Food Pantry with its seventh annual Car Wash and Lemonade Drink Stand on Friday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Town Hall. Car washes will be done in exchange for a donation to the food pantry. Cold soda and lemonade are \$1 each or donation of a non-perishable food item. Campers will also participate in a bike-a-thon on Thursday, Aug. 2, at the Edward C. Garvey Recreation Facility. To support the bikers' efforts by contributing, make check payable in any amount to: Sandown Food Pantry, and drop it off at the recreation building or Town Hall, writing "Fund Raiser-Food Pantry" on the envelope. Non-perishable food items will be accepted.

Night Owls

On Thursday, Aug. 2, at 10:30 a.m., children ages 5-8 are invited to the Sandown Public Library to listen to stories about a baby owl learning to fly and other animals that have nighttime adventures. After the story, they will make an owl from a paper lantern.

Ice Cream Photos

Children ages 10 and up are invited to the Sandown Public Library at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, to create a photo book shaped like an ice cream cone. Those attending should bring photos.

Dream Emporium

The Dream Emporium Store opens at the Sandown

Public Library on Saturday, Aug. 4. Summer readers can trade in their reading coins for a variety of items. The Dream Emporium will remain open through Thursday, Aug. 9.

Science with Miss Bea

On Wednesdays, Aug. 8 and Aug. 15, at 5 p.m., the Sandown Public Library hosts Stupendous Science with Miss Bea. She will do experiments and teach the science behind them. Children ages 7-10 are invited to sign up in advance, either online or at the library.

Holiday Closure

The Sandown Public Library will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 11, in honor of Old Home Day.

Books & Bites!

At 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Sandown Public Library, members of Books & Bites! adult book discussion group will discuss "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Soccer League

The Timberlane Youth Soccer League's online registration is now open for the fall season. The season runs for eight weeks and begins Saturday, Sept. 8, and ends Saturday, Nov. 3. Registration fee is \$50 for U6-U12 divisions and \$65 for U14-U16 divisions. Registration ends Aug. 15. The soccer league will have a booth at Sandown Old Home Days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, with league representatives available to assist with registration. For more information, visit www.timberlaneyouthsoccer.org or call 382-3344. The league is not affiliated with the Timberlane Regional School District.

Bake-Off

The Sandown Mothers Club's Annual Bake off Contest will be held at Sandown Old Home Day on Saturday, Aug. 11. Categories are adults (over 13): cakes, pies, muffins and quick breads; and children (13 years and under): cakes, brownies and cookies. No cheesecakes or cream pies can be accepted. Registra-

tion is at the Central School cafeteria from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Aug. 11. Suggested donation is \$3 for an adult entry and \$1 per child entry. Enter as many items as you wish. Each category is judged on creativity, presentation and taste.

Old Home Day Service, Dinner

The Old Meeting House Historical Association announces the annual Old Home Day Service at Sandown's Old Meeting House on Fremont Road. It will be held on Sunday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m. Featured speaker will be State Rep. Norman Major. Immediately following the service, a pot roast dinner will be held at St. Matthew's Church. The dinner is by reservation only. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children age 12 and under, and free for preschoolers. Call Arlene at 887-3453 or email abassett@gsinet.net for reservations.

Meeting House Open House

The Old Meeting House Historical Association will hold an open house on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Take a break from the Old Home Day activities and tour this historic building before heading to the Sandown Volunteer Fire Department's Chicken Barbecue.

Frog Jumping Contest

Sandown Mothers Club is hosting its annual frog jumping contest on Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Sandown Old Home Days celebration. The contest will begin at 8:30 a.m. behind Sandown Central School, with registration from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Bring your own frog in an appropriate container that is out of the sun; the frog must be released into a natural habitat after the contest. Children of all ages can participate.

Seeley Beach

Sandown Recreation announces that Seeley Beach is open daily with lifeguard-supervised swimming from 9:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Feeding of water fowl is prohibited. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18. No animals are allowed.



CAMPAIGN STOP Republican Gubernatorial hopeful Ovide Lamontagne visited Hampstead Monday evening, July 30, for a Meet and Greet at the Hampstead Public Library, where a crowd of more than two dozen gathered to hear what he had to say. He is pictured greeting Hampstead Selectwoman Priscilla Lindquist, with a number of Hampstead residents looking on.
Photo by Penny Williams

Water Country

Sandown Parks and Recreation has discount Water Country tickets available for \$29.99 per person. Tickets are good any day the park is open during the 2012 season. Give the recreation office 24 to 48 hours notice at 887-1872. Payment is by check or money order only and payable to Sandown Recreation.

Cribbage Club

The Sandown Public Library offers a Cribbage Club at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. All levels of experience are welcome.

Weekly Raffle

The Sandown Public Library offers a weekly raffle for six graders and up, with the winners announced every Saturday between noon and 1 p.m. Enter the raffle for each read book being returned.

Garden Club

The Sandown Garden Club presents a program titled "A Cutting Garden: Plan, Plant and Enjoy," given by Club members Audrey Vargish and June McNally on Monday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Sandown Recreation Center on Pheasant Run Drive. The program, accompanied by color slides, will

focus on selecting an appropriate site for the garden, preparing the beds, choosing plants and enjoying fresh cut flowers from the garden. The Sandown Garden Club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. For more information, visit www.sandowngardenclub.org.

REGIONAL

Healing Service

New Creation Healing Center, 80 Route 125, Kingston, holds an interdenominational service of healing the first Friday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. The next service will be Aug. 3. A time of personal prayer with each individual is offered at the service. For further information about the service, call 642-6700.

HU Chant

A Community HU Chant is offered on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org

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